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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : When will it be possible to constitute these committees at the State level?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I shall try to have the Committee constituted as early as possible.

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI : Will non-officials be on the Committee?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Committee has not yet been constituted. I am sure non-officials will predominate.

Shelters for Bus Passengers

* 54 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government for the construction of shelters for the convenience of bus passengers along the National and State Highways and main trunk roads in the State; and,

(*b*) if so, whether any fund out of the motor transport revenue is earmarked for the purpose?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Has not the Central Transport Advisory Council considered this matter and sent some recommendations to the State Government for a survey of the present position and provision of such facilities to passengers?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have no information.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government kindly have the matter examined and provide some funds for provision of amenities to motor passengers on the highways?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : This has been examined and the Government of Madras have sanctioned about Rs. 30,000 to the Madras Corporation to augment its resources in order to put up such waiting sheds in the Madras City. As far as the mofussil is concerned, we feel it is not possible to provide these sheds.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As the present shelters are so narrow that they do not give protection either from sun or from rain except during midday when the sun's rays fall straight, will they have these remodelled so that they may be shelters in the real sense?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : These shelters in the Madras City are maintained by the Madras Corporation. I shall pass on the suggestion of the hon. Member to the proper quarters.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.